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The Honorable William J. Casey Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Attention: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Chairman, House Judiciary Committee, by enclosed letter dated September 12, 1985, has requested that we supply him with additional information relative to our June 28, 1985, report Nazis and Axis Collaborators Were Used To Further U.S. Anti-Communist Objectives In Europe--Some Immigrated To The United States, GAO/GGD-85-66. Specifically, he would like to obtain all notes, documents, reports of interviews, memoranda, and an inventory of all documents of agencies examined or consulted so that the committee could be more informed.

We are informing the committee that CIA maintains a complete inventory of all documents furnished GAO and that such documents, including excerpts, are classified. A memorandum of understanding between CIA and GAO precludes GAO from making these documents available to anyone outside of GAO. Therefore, we are suggesting that the committee deal directly with CIA on the matter.

This project is being managed by Mr. John Tipton of our General Government Division. Should you have any questions concerning the matters herein, Mr. Tipton can be reached on 633-1559. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Conahan

Director

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U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Eashington, BC 20515 Telephone: 202-225-3951

September 12, 1985

Mr. Charles A. Bowsher Comptroller General of the United States United States General Accounting Office 441 G Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bowsher:

.I refer to the GAO report concerning "Nazis and Axis Collaborators" issued June 28, 1985, reference number GAO/GGD-85-66.

In order for the Committee to be more fully informed relative to this matter, I request that you supply me with the following additional information:

- All notes, documents, reports of interviews, memoranda, as well as all other documentation, denerated independently by your personnel in the course of this investi-
- 2. An inventory of all documents of other agencies examined or consulted in the furtherance of the investigation by your personnel which would be subject to the "third agency" rule.

I would appreciate your giving me sufficient data on the "third agency" documents in order to allow Committee staff to identify them with a minimum of delay in requesting access of the originating agency.

Your Senior Evaluator, John Tipton, has been intimately involved in the investigation of Nazi war criminals for some years. His knowledge would greatly enhance any hearings this Committee may hold on the subject. therefore, would appreciate your detailing Mr. Tipton to the Judiciary Committee for any hearings which may be scheduled.

I thank you for your cooperation.

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PETER W. RODINO,

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October 10, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

I am enclosing GAO report, reference GAO/GGD-85-66 dated June 28, 1985, entitled, "Nazis and Axis Collaborators Were Used to Further U.S. Anti-Communist Objectives in Europe--Some Immigrated to the United States", which will be the focus of a hearing on October 17, 1985 by my Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and International Law of the House Judiciary Committee.

I would be grateful if you would forward me your general comments and views on the substance of the report as it pertains to your Agency. Please include detailed information of those incidents cited in the report involving CIA personnel, as well as an assessment of the necessity, justification and ultimate resolution of each of these incidents. In addition, I would like to be informed of the specifics of any uses made by CIA of the "100 Numbers" in the admission of alleged Nazi war criminals into the United States.

I would like to make your response a part of the public hearing record. Therefore, expeditious attention will be appreciated.

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I thank you for your cooperation,

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REPORT BY THE

Comptroller General

OF THE UNITED STATES

Nazis And Axis Collaborators Were Used To Further U.S. Anti-Communist Objectives In Europe--Some Immigrated To The United States

The Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary, requested GAO to inquire (1) whether there were any U.S. government programs to help Nazi war criminals and Axis collaborators immigrate to the United States and to conceal their backgrounds and (2) whether U.S. agencies worked with and protected Klaus Barbie, former Gestapo chief in Lyon, France.

GAO did not find evidence of any U.S. agency program to aid Nazis or Axis collaborators to immigrate to the United States. However, GAO did identify five Nazis or Axis collaborators with undesirable or questionable backgrounds who received some individual assistance in their U.S. immigrations. Two of them were subsequently protected from investigation. GAO cannot be sure that it obtained all relevant information or identified all Nazis or Axis collaborators whom U.S. agencies helped to immigrate. With respect to U.S. agencies' involvement with Klaus Barbie, GAO did not find any discrepancies between what it found and the Department of Justice's 1983 report which stated that Barbie had been employed and protected by a U.S. intelligence agency.



GAO/GGD-85-66 JUNE 28, 1985